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1. Allegedly a new type of jet plane is in production at the Budy Letov Plant, near Prague.¹ The new plane is ~~supposed to~~ have a very short wing span and a speed of 1,800 km. per hour. (S-15)
2. A new heavy machine gun is in production in Czechoslovakia and has been used in training since early 1954. ~~Reportedly~~ it is made of a light metal and resembles the old Czech heavy machine gun which could fire from 450 to 600 rounds per minute. 25X1
3. New bases for heavy machine guns are being manufactured in Czechoslovakia to replace other older types. The new type base extends about 20 cm. above the ground and holds the machine gun steady as the gun covers a wide lateral range. This wide range is to be used for sniper-type machine gun emplacements.
4. The difference between submachine gun model 23 and model 25, both of Czech manufacture, is in their stocks. Model 23 has a wooden stock, while model 25 has a collapsible metal type stock. The caliber of the guns, formerly 9mm, has been redesigned for 7.62mm. The magazine capacity of both weapons is 30 rounds and the theoretical rate of fire is 300 rounds per minute. The rounds are not put into the magazines separately, but are inserted at one time in clips. When the caliber was 9mm, 8-round clips were used. Now 6-round clips have replaced them. The Czech submachine gun is a very precise weapon; however, it does not function well in winter because frost forms on the cover and prevents its closing. The gun has better penetration than the Soviet model. The gun's precision makes it possible to hit on a standing or sitting figure at a distance of 400 meters. ~~which is being manufactured by the Czech Armament Works, is being sent to SNB and PS units. (model 25).~~
5. Outboard motors of Czechoslovak manufacture, Union make, are being used in Army motorboat units. They are 4-cylinder, water-cooled engines and are ~~more powerful~~ than the motors produced in Hungary, which were formerly the ~~only~~ available. The Czech motors have been sent to the Decin-Boletice plant, where there is a tent summer camp for Army engineers.

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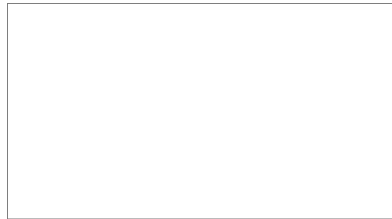
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 Comment: It is not clear whether source refers to the Rudy
Letov Plant No. 1 in Letnany or Plant No. 2 in Vodochody.

 Comment: Presumably the Czech Armament Works (Ceska zbrojovka)
in Strakonice.

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